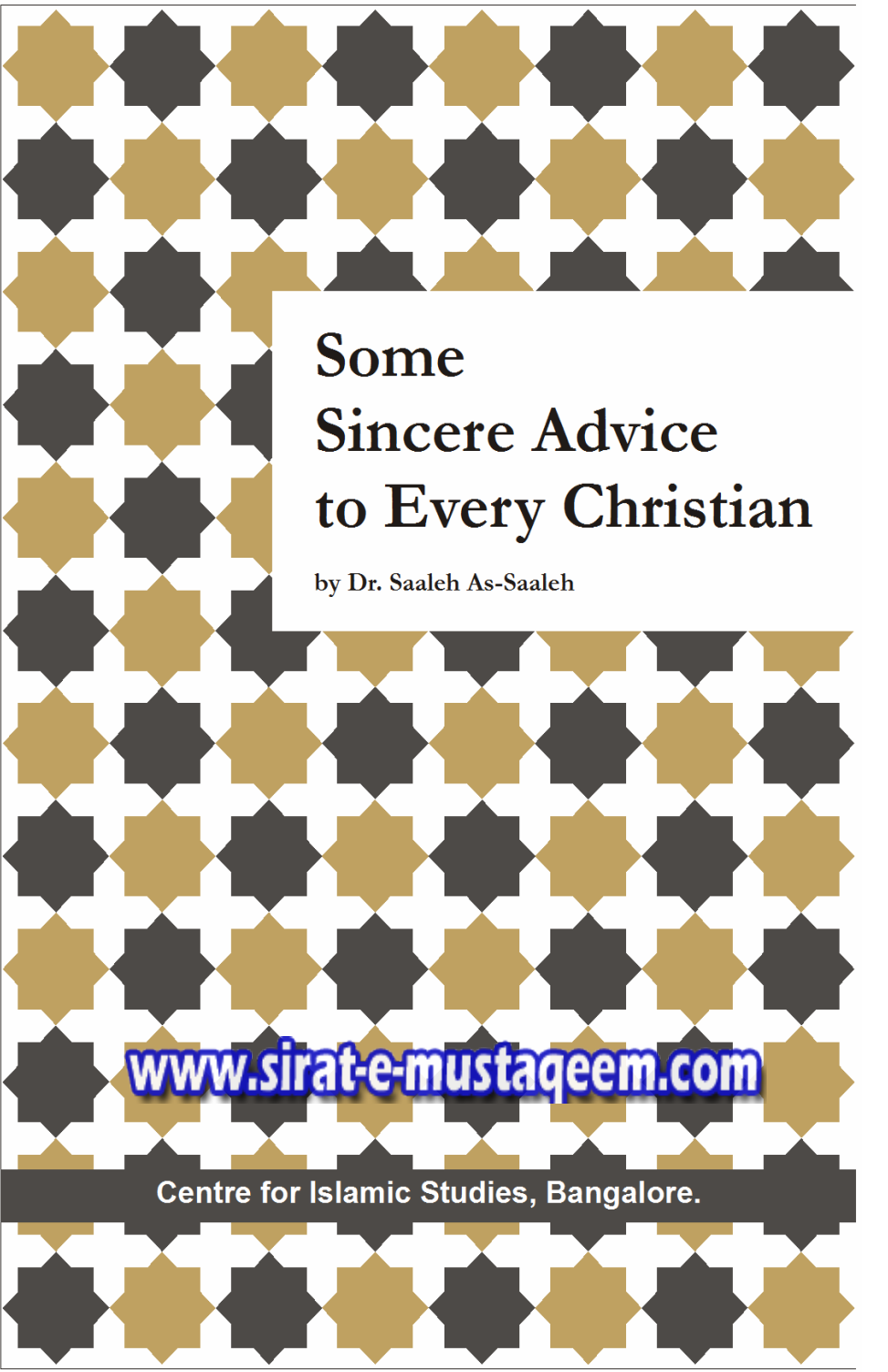




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**JESUS AND MUHAMMAD (Peace be upon them)
IN THE BIBLE AND THE QUR'AAN
Biblical Evidence of Jesus being a Servant of God
and having no share in Divinity**

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INTRODUCTION

Most people agree to the fact that Allaah's (God's) Word cannot be contradictory. What He spoke about Himself must be true. He made Himself known as The Creator, The One, The Originator, and The Provider. He is the First, nothing is before Him; The Last, nothing is after Him; The Most High, nothing is above Him; The Most Near, nothing is beyond His reach, and He encompasses everything while He is above heavens, distinct and separate from His creatures. Great in His Majesty and Honor, Most Merciful, Severe in Punishment, All-Knower, Most Compassionate, All-Wise, and All-Just; Most Perfect in all of His Names and Attributes. He does not beget, nor is He begotten. There is no equal to Him, and there is nothing like unto Him, and thus He alone deserves to be worshipped. **In essence**, the religion as **revealed**¹ to nations before us and to mankind up to the Day of Resurrection, calls for the worship of none but God (Allaah). Any Message from the Perfect God is **true, and cannot be contradictory**. He entrusted many Prophets and/or Messengers since creation began on earth. Starting with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and ending with Muhammad, peace be upon them all, the essence of religion was and still is: **people must submit to their Creator and worship Him as He revealed to their respective Messengers and/or Prophets**. This is

1. Religion as a revelation from God, and in its original form is different from the concept of religion understood by many in the West. Many people founded for themselves certain disciplines and practices and called it "religions." The Word of Allaah in all the revealed religions represented a concrete message defining the relationship of man to His Creator. The final and most comprehensive message which covers all codes of life until the Day of Resurrection was revealed to Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.

the true Message, and Jesus, peace be upon Him, is one of those great Prophets and Messengers who was sent to the Children of Israel, after Moses, confirming the revelation sent down to Moses and the Gospel that he received from Allaah. This same Message was confirmed by Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, believing in the true Gospel that came to Jesus and propagating the final and most comprehensive revelation to mankind, the Qur'aan. The Qur'aan, being Allaah's Word, confirms and attests to the true nature of Jesus, and this is not known by many people. This book will introduce the reader to the Qur'aanic texts related to Jesus, peace be upon him, hoping that the truth regarding the personality of Jesus becomes clear.

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A Miracle...And a Human Was Born

An Honorable Family

The family of Jesus is the Family of 'Imraan. It was a family chosen by Allaah:

"Allaah chose Adam, Noah, the family of Abraham, and the family of 'Imraan, above the 'Aalameen (mankind and jinns of their times). Offspring, one from the other, and Allaah is the All-Hearer, All-Knower." (Qur'aan² 3:33-34)

An Honorable Mother under the Care of Allaah

When Mary's mother, the wife of 'Imraan, was pregnant, she made a vow:

"(Remember) when the wife of 'Imraan said: 'O My Rabb³ (Allaah)! I have vowed to You what is in my womb to be dedicated for Your services (free from all worldly work; to serve Your Place of Worship), so accept (this), from me. Verily, You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knowing". (Qur'aan 3: 35-36)

Allaah accepted her invocation, and Mary was born and kept under the care of Prophet Zachariah, as Allaah, Most Glorified, had ordained:

2. Whenever a translation of a verse is cited, then this refers to the translation of the meaning.

3. *Rabb*: Allaah is *ar-Rabb*: He is the One Who gave all things the power to grow, to move and to change, to Whom belongs the Creation and Commandment, The Master Who has no equal in His Sovereignty, Predominance, and Highness, The One Who Provides and Sustains all that exists.

"So her *Rabb* (Allaah) accepted her with goodly acceptance. He made her grow in a good manner and put her under the care of Zachariah. Every time he entered *Al-Mihraab* (a praying place or a private room) to (visit) her, he found her supplied with sustenance. He said: 'O Mary! From where have you got this?' She said, 'From Allaah'. Verily, Allaah provides sustenance to whom He will, without counting." (Qur'aan 3: 37)

Allaah chose her above all the women of her lifetime:

"And (remember) when the angels said: 'O Mary! Verily, Allah has chosen you, purified you (from polytheism and disbelief), and chosen you above the women of *Al-'Aalameen* (mankind and jinns of her lifetime)." (Qur'aan 3: 42)

The Good News

The angels brought Mary the good news about the birth of a "Word" from Allaah. The Word was Be! And he was! Jesus, son of Mary:

"(Remember) when the angels said: 'O Mary! Verily, Allaah gives you the glad tidings of a Word ("Be!"-and he was! i.e. Jesus the son of Mary) from Him, his name will be the Messiah Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and in the Hereafter, and he will be one of those who are near to Allaah. He will speak to the people in the cradle and in manhood, and he will be one of the righteous." (Qur'aan 3: 45-46)

The "Word" is **not** God, it is a Word from God, **spoken by Him**; it is the Word "Be"- and he was! i.e. Jesus is a creation by the Command of Allaah: Be! This means he is

not part of Allaah. He, Most Glorified, does not partition Himself into any thing or any being.

Jesus: No Human Father!
Adam: No Human Father or Mother!
A Miraculous Creation

Mary received the news. She raised the question:

"She said: ' O My *Rabb*! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?" He said: "So, (it will be), for Allaah creates what He wills. When He has decreed something. He says to it only: "Be!"-and it is." (Qur'aan 3: 47)

Such Miraculous creation does not make him a "son of God." Adam had neither a father nor a mother. So, should we give him a "Special Divinity"? No one says this. Thus ponder what Allah said concerning Adam and Jesus, peace be upon them both:

"Verily, the likeness of Jesus in Allaah's Sight is the likeness of Adam. He created him from dust, then (He) said to him: "Be!"-and he was. (This is) the truth from your *Rabb*, so be not of those who doubt." (Qur'aan 3: 59-60)

And Allaah does not beget. He, Most Exalted, says in the Qur'aan (19: 88-95):

"And they say: "The Most Beneficent (Allaah) has begotten a son (or offspring or children) ⁴."

"Indeed you have brought forth (said) a terrible evil thing."

"Whereby the heavens are almost torn, and the earth is split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins."

"That they ascribe a son (or offspring or children) to the Most Beneficent (Allaah)."

"But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Beneficent (Allaah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or children)."

"There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Beneficent (Allaah) as a slave."

"Verily, He knows each one of them, and has counted them a full counting."

"And every one of them will come to Him alone on the Day of Resurrection (without any helper, or protector or defender)."

4. As the Jews said: Ezra is the "son of Allaah" and the Christians said that Allaah has "begotten a son (Christ, peace be upon him), and the pagan Arabs said that He has "begotten daughters (angels, etc.). The same was said many times in the past, i.e. in the Greek Mythology. Allaah is high Above what they attribute to Him.

The Conception:

Mary miraculously conceived Jesus, and delivered a boy under a palm tree:

"And mention in the Book (i.e. the Qur'aan, O Muhammad, the story of) Mary, when she withdrew in seclusion from her family to a place facing East." (Qur'aan 19:16).

"She placed a screen (to screen herself) from them (her family); then We⁵ sent to her Our *Rooh* (angel Gabriel), and he appeared before her in the form of a man in all respects." (Qur'aan 19: 17)

"She said: 'Verily! I seek refuge with the Most Beneficent (Allaah) from you, if you do fear Allaah.'" (Qur'aan 19: 18)

"(The angel) said: 'I am only a Messenger from your Rabb, (to announce) to you the gift of a righteous son.'" (Qur'aan 19: 19)

"She said: 'How can I have a son, when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste?'" (Qur'aan 19: 20)

5. The "We" refers to Allaah Himself. This is for Glorification and Magnification. It is common with Semitic languages for any Monarch to use the "We" and "Us" when referring to himself. In England, people are familiar with the Royal "We" particular for the Queen herself. To Allaah belongs the best example. When Allaah says "We" or "Us" no one who is familiar with the Arabic language understands that this refers to "more than one God united in one"! He is One and all of His Attributes describe Himself alone and are not qualities of separate "gods"! He, Allaah, is the All-Merciful, The Compassionate, The Provider, and so forth.

"He said: 'So (it will be), your *Rabb* said: 'That is easy for Me (Allaah); And (We wish) to appoint him as a sign to mankind and a mercy from Us (Allaah), and it is a matter (already) decreed , (by Allaah).'" (Qur'aan 19: 21)

"So she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a far place (i.e. Bethlehem valley about 4-6 miles from Jerusalem)." (Qur'aan 19: 22)

"And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree. She said: 'Would that I had died before this, and had been forgotten and out of sight!'" (Qur'aan 19: 23)

"Then (the babe "Jesus" or Gabriel) cried unto her from below her, saying: 'Grieve not! Your *Rabb* has provided a water stream under you.'" (Qur'aan 19:24)

"And shake the trunk of palm-tree towards you, it will let fall fresh ripe-dates upon you." (Qur'aan 19: 25)

"So eat and drink, and if you see any human being, say: 'Verily! I have vowed a fast unto the Most Beneficent (Allaah) so I shall not speak to any human being this day.'" (Qur'aan 19: 26)

Then she brought the babe "Jesus" to her people. They could not believe what they saw:

"Then she brought him (the baby) to her people, carrying him. They said: 'O Mary! Indeed you have brought a thing *Fariyya* (an unheard mighty thing)!'" (Qur'aan 19: 27)

"O sister (i.e. the like) of 'Aaron ⁶! Your father was not a man who used to commit adultery, nor was your mother an unchaste woman." (Qur'aan 19: 28)

And he spoke in the cradle, explaining himself:

"Then she pointed to him. They said: 'How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?'" (Qur'aan 19: 29)

He (Jesus) said: Verily! I am a slave of Allaah, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet." (Qur'aan 19: 30)

"And He has made me blessed whosoever I be, and has enjoined on me prayer, and *Zakaah* (prescribed charity), as long as I live." (Qur'aan 19: 31)

"And dutiful to my mother⁷, and made me not arrogant, unblest." (Qur'aan 19:32)

"And *Salaam* (peace) be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die (after his descent to earth prior to the Day of Judgment), and the day I shall be raised alive (i.e. resurrection from his grave after on the Day of Judgment!)" (Qur'aan 19: 31)

6. The 'Aaron mentioned here is not the brother of Moses, but he was a pious man at the time of Mary, peace be upon her.

7. It is very strange to read in the Bible statements attributed to Jesus in which he was impolite to his mother! In John 2: 4, it reads: "He said to Mary, **"Woman, what have I to do with you"**. Also in Matthew 12: 47, we find: "Then one said unto Jesus, "Behold, your mother and brethren stand without, desiring to talk to you" But he answered and said, **"Who is my mother? And who are my brethren?"** Certainly these cannot be the words of a great Prophet who has a great moral character. It is an insult against Jesus that Allaah does not accept.

Allaah then stresses the reality of Jesus for all of those who have any doubt about him or his Message:

"Such is Jesus, son of Mary, (it is) a statement of truth, about which they doubt (or dispute)." (Qur'aan 19: 34)

"It befits not (the Majesty of) Allaah that He should beget a son⁸. Glorified (and Exalted be He above all that they associate with Him). When He decrees a thing, He only says to it, "Be"!-and it is." (Qur'aan 19: 35)

Jesus was given revelation (i.e. the original Gospel) fortified with miracles. People at his time deeply believed in miracles. The manifestation of miracles on the hands of Jesus was to bring people to the belief that he was Allaah's Messenger.

8. Referring to the slander of Christians against Allaah, by saying that Jesus is the son of Allaah. In another statement in the Qur'aan, Allaah says: **"And they (Jews, Christians, and pagans) say: Allaah has begotten a son (children or offspring). Glory be to Him (Exalted be above all that they associate with Him). Nay, to Him belongs all that is in heavens and on earth, and all surrender with obedience (in worship) to Him."** (Qur'aan 116-117). It has been a common trait in history for mankind to liken Allaah to a human in some way or another, but Allaah is totally unique. The Prophet Muhammad (May Allaah's Praise and Peace be upon him) said: *"Allaah said: The son of Adam tells a lie against Me though he has no right to do so, and he abuses Me though he has no right to do so. As for his telling a lie against Me, it is that he claims that I cannot recreate him as I created him before; and as for his abusing Me, it is his statement that I have a son (or offspring, etc.) No! Glorified be Me! I am far from taking a wife or a son (or offspring etc.)"*-Reported in the most authentic book of *Hadeeth* (sayings, admonitions, actions, approvals, descriptions, etc. of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him) known as *Saheeh al-Bukhaari*, V. 6, *Hadeeth # 9*; Published by Daar Al-Arabia, Beirut, Lebanon. Authentically transmitted *Hadeeth* is an inspiration from Allaah to the Prophet, peace be upon him. There is a great science in Islaam devoted to the study of *Hadeeth* and its transmission (s).

"And He (Allaah) will teach him (Jesus) the Book and Al-Hikmah⁹, (and) the Torah and the Gospel." (Qur'aan 3: 48)

"And will make him (Jesus) a Messenger to the of Israel (saying): "I have come to you with a sign from your *Rabb*, that I design for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allaah's Leave; and I heal him who was born blind, and the leper, and I bring the dead to life by Allaah's Leave.¹⁰ And I inform you of what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely, therein is a sign for you, if you believe." (Qur'aan 3: 49).

"And I have come confirming that which was before me of the Torah, and to make lawful to you part of what was forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a proof from your *Rabb*. So fear Allaah and obey me." (Qur'aan 3: 50)

9. *Al-Hikmah*: the way of understanding and application of religion (worship) and wisdom in dealing with people and calling them to the worship of Allaah and the purpose of their creation.

10. There are those who would say: "but Jesus raised the dead and thus he is God." The fact, however, is that these were miracles performed by Jesus by permission from Allaah, his *Rabb*. According to the Bible statements attributed to Jesus, he said: "I can of mine own self do **nothing**". (John 5:30). "The power is **given** unto me" (Mathew 28:18) "I cast devils by the "Spirit (i.e., Will) of God." (Mathew 12:28). "Jesus of Nazareth a **man** approved of God among you by miracles." (Acts 2:20). "You seek to kill me a **man** that has told you the truth which **I have heard of God**" (John 8:40). The man-Prophet Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) was created, and was given Revelation from Allaah to call the Israelites to the worship of Allaah alone. At the same time, like many Prophets and Messengers before him, Allaah gave him certain miracles to show His Signs to those who were being called to submit to Allaah, and in order to make their hearts content and certain.

And a clear Message:

"Truly! Allaah is my *Rabb* and your *Rabb*, so worship Him (Alone). This is the Straight Path." (Qur'aan 3: 51)

The Turning of Hearts to the Message of Jesus

Jesus (peace be upon him) persevered in inviting people to Allaah. By Allaah's will, his companions turned to support him when he felt the plots of the disbelievers:

"And when I (Allaah) put in the hearts of the disciples (of Jesus) to believe in Me and My Messenger, they said: 'We believe. And bear witness that we are Muslims (those who submit to Allaah's will).'" (Qur'aan 5: 111)

"Then when Jesus came to know of their disbelief (i.e. from the Children of Israel), he said: 'Who will be my helpers in Allaah's Cause?' The disciples said: 'We are the helpers of Allaah (his religion); we believe in Allaah, and bear witness that we are Muslims (i.e. we submit to Allaah). And they (disbelievers) plotted (to kill Jesus), and Allaah planned too. And Allaah is the Best of the planners.'" (Qur'aan 53-54)

The Qualities of Jesus

He was of human nature, one personality and not three, and a Messenger of Allaah:

"O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, nor say of Allaah aught but the truth. The Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, was (no more than) a Messenger of Allaah and His Word ("Be!"-and he was) which he bestowed on Mary and a spirit (*Rooh*) created by Him; so believe in Allaah and His Messengers. Say not: 'Three (trinity)! Cease! (It is) better for you. For Allaah is (the only) One *Ilaah* (God), Glory be to Him (Far Exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. And Allaah is All-Sufficient as a Disposer of affairs.'" (Qur'aan 4: 171)

"The Messiah (Jesus) son of Mary was no more than a Messenger; many were the Messengers that passed away before him. His mother (Mary) was a *Siddeeqah* (i.e. she believed in the Words of Allaah and His Books). They both used to eat food (as any other human being, while Allaah does not eat) ¹¹. Look how We make the *Aayaat* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) clear to them, yet look how they are deluded away (from the truth)." (Qur'aan 5:75)

Although Jesus is a *Rooh* (spirit) from Allaah, this does not mean that Jesus is an attribute of Allaah Himself.

11. Jesus and his mother ate the food and walked the streets. Allaah does not need anything; He is Self-Sufficient. One would imagine that people who contemplate would recognize this fact and come to the natural conclusion that Divinity is for Allaah alone and not a quality of any created being.

Allaah called Gabriel *Roohana* (Our *Rooh* i.e. Our Spirit) and we know that Gabriel is a created angel, existing, and has his own created qualities. Similarly Allaah says about the heavens and the earth that:

"And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favor and kindness from Allaah." (Qur'aan 45: 13)

Clearly, the heavens and the earth are part of Allaah's creation and not part of Allaah Himself or an attribute of Him. We also read in the Qur'aan: Allaah's Messenger, Allaah's House (referring to the Ka'bah in Makkah), etc. The Messenger, the House, etc. are like Allaah's Spirit, in the sense that they are created persons or things that are honorable in Allaah's Sight. However, when one of the two nouns is Allaah and the second is neither a person nor a thing, then it is not a created thing but a quality of Allaah e.g. Allaah's Knowledge, Allaah's Self, etc.

Therefore, Jesus is not an attribute of Allaah. In fact Allaah declares that those who believe in Jesus as God commit *Kufr* (disbelief):

"Surely, in disbelief are they who say that Allaah is the Messiah, son of Mary! Say (O Muhammad, peace upon him): "Who then has the least power against Allaah, if He were to destroy the Messiah son of Mary, this mother, and all those who are on the earth together? And to Allaah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them. He creates what He wills. And Allaah is able to do all things." (Qur'aan 5: 17)

The method of the creation of Jesus is one of the Signs of Allaah showing His Great Ability of Creating as He Wills:

from a male and a female (ourselves); from a male without a female (Eve); from a female without a male (Jesus), and from neither a male nor a female (Adam):

"And We made her and her son (Jesus) a sign for Al-'Aalameen (mankind and jinns)." (Qur'aan 21: 91)

Jesus has the honor of being a slave of Allaah:

"The Messiah will never be proud to reject to be a slave to Allaah, nor the angels who are near (to Allaah). And whosoever rejects His worship and is proud, then He will gather them all together unto Himself." (Qur'aan 4: 172)

Jesus Never Claimed to Be God (Allaah)

No one who receives Revelation from Allaah can claim himself Divine or God:

"It is not (possible) for any human being to whom Allaah has given the Book and *Al-Hukma* (knowledge and understanding of the laws of religion, etc.) and Prophethood to say to the people: "Be my worshippers rather than Allaah's." On the contrary (he would say): Be you *Rabbaaniyyoon* (learned men of religion who practice what they know and also preach others), because you are teaching the Book, and you are studying it. Nor would he order you to take angels and Prophets for lords (gods). Would he order you to disbelieve after you have submitted to Allaah's will?" (Qur'aan 3: 79-80)

This statement from Allaah affirms the human nature of Prophets and Messengers. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) advised that:

"Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians praised the son of Mary, for I am only a slave. So call me the slave of Allaah and His Messenger."¹²

The exaggerated praise of Jesus¹³ has led many to consider him as God besides Allaah! Surely this is disbelief in Allaah, the Most Perfect, and the Self-Sufficient:

12. Reported in *Saheeh Al-Bukhaari*, V. 4, *Hadeeth* # 654.

13. Given the weak nature of man, such exaggeration have touched many people other than Jesus, peace be upon him. People in different parts of the world have set up rivals to the Creator, offering prayers, and all forms of worship to them.

"Surely, they have disbelieved who say: 'Allaah is the Messiah (Jesus), son of Mary'..." (Qur'aan 5: 72)

And Jesus emphasized that:

"But the Messiah (Jesus) said: 'O Children of Israel! Worship Allaah, my *Rabb* (Lord) and your *Rabb* (Lord).' Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allaah, then Allaah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the polytheists and wrong-doers, there are no helpers." (Qur'aan 5: 72)

And a warning to those who called for making him Three in One, One in Three. A concept never understood even by many Christians. This Trinity concept was adopted by the Pauline Church in the year 325 C.E. It was never preached by Jesus himself:

"Surely, disbelievers are those who said: 'Allaah is the third of three (in a Trinity)' but there is no true god who has the right to be worshipped except One God-Allaah. And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall the disbelievers among them." (Qur'aan 5: 73)

Allaah calls them to repent, saying:

"Will they not repent to Allaah and ask His Forgiveness? For Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Qur'aan 5: 74)

Repentance is something that pleases Allaah. It is a manifestation of submission to Him, and it does not require any intermediary. Prophet Muhammad (Praise and Blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

"Allaah is more pleased with the repentance of His slave than anyone of you is pleased with finding his camel which he had lost in a desert."¹⁴

14. *Saheeh Al-Bukhari*, V. 8, *Hadeeth* # 321.

The Plot and the Resurrection

Every Prophet was opposed by those who rejected the Message he brought from Allaah. This conflict has been determined by Allaah from way before creation itself. Like many Prophets who were sent to the Children of Israel, Jesus, peace be upon him, was opposed and a plot was made to kill him:

"Verily, We took the covenant of the Children of Israel and sent them Messengers. Whenever there came to them a Messenger with what they themselves desired not- a group of them they called liars and others among them they killed." (Qur'aan 5: 70)

Those who disbelieved were cursed by Allaah:

"Those amongst the Children of Israel who disbelieved were cursed by the tongue of David and Jesus, son of Mary. That was because they disobeyed (Allaah and the Messengers) and were ever transgressing beyond doubts." (Qur'aan 5: 78)

"And because of their (Jews) disbelief and uttering against Mary a grave false charge (that she has committed illegal sexual intercourse)." (Qur'aan 4:156)

Allah saved Jesus from their tongues and hands and took him to Himself:

"And (remember) when Allah said: 'O Jesus! I will take you and raise you (body and soul) to Myself and clear you of those who disbelieve.'" (Qur'aan 3: 55)

"(And remember) when I (Allaah) restrained the Children of Israel from you (when they resolved to kill

you) since you came unto them with clear proofs, and the disbelievers among them said: "This is nothing but evident magic." (Qur'aan 5: 110)

The Saving of Jesus from the Crucifixion and Then His Ascension

The Jews claimed, and still claim, that they crucified Jesus, but Allaah restrained them from that and saved Jesus, peace be upon him, by taking him up to Himself:

"And because of their (the Jews) saying (in boast), 'We killed Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allaah, but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of Jesus was put over another man (and they killed that man), AND THOSE WHO DIFFER THEREIN ARE FULL OF DOUBTS. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely, they killed him not (i.e. Jesus, son of Mary).'" (Qur'aan 4: 157)

"But Allaah raised him (Jesus) up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he is in the heavens). And Allaah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise." (Qur'aan 4: 158)

This was a great honor to Jesus, peace be upon him.

The Descent of Jesus

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, explained the descent of Jesus before the establishment of the Last Hour:

"...and he (Jesus) will descend at the white minaret¹⁵ in the Eastern side of Damascus wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he would lower his head, there would fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he would raise it up, beads like pearls would scatter from it. Every non-believer who would smell the odor of his self would die and his breath would reach as far as he would be able to see. He would then search for him (the false Christ) until he would catch hold of him at the gate of *Ludd*¹⁶ and would kill him...."¹⁷

He, peace be upon him, also said:

"By Him in whose hands is my soul, surely (Jesus), the son of Mary (peace be upon both of them) will shortly descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly, by the Law of the Qur'aan (as a just ruler); he will break the cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizya.¹⁸ Money will be in abundance so that nobody

15. Near the eastern side of the *Umayyad Mosque* in Damascus.

16. This lies within the Israeli occupied land of Palestine. In it is an international airport and the city is called *Al-Ludd*.

17. Reported in *Saheeh Muslim*, V. 4, *Hadeeth* # 7015

18. *Jizya*: a tax imposed on non-Muslims who would keep their religion rather than embracing Islaam. This tax will not be accepted by Jesus, peace be upon him, as all people will be required to embrace Islaam, and there will be no other alternative. It is the religion of all

will accept it, and a single prostration to Allaah (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it."

The narrator of the above saying of the Prophet (praise and blessing of Allaah be upon him) added: ¹⁹

"If you wish, you can recite (this verse from the Qur'aan):

‘And there is none of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), but must believe in him (i.e. Jesus, as a Messenger of Allaah and a human being), before his (Jesus, or a Jew's or a Christian's) death.²⁰ And on the Day of Resurrection, he (Jesus) will be a witness against them.’" (Qur'aan 4: 159)

Prophets and Messengers and it is the one and only religion accepted by its Originator, Allaah.

19. *Saheeh Al-Bukhaari, V.4, Hadeeth # 657.*

20. "Before his death" has two interpretations: a) before the death of Jesus after his descent from the heavens and after he rules in justice when Allah will send a pleasant wind which, as Prophet Muhammad (upon him and Jesus be peace) explained: "*would take the life of every Muslim and only the wicked would survive who would commit adultery like asses and the Last Hour would come to them*"-reported in *Saheeh Muslim, V. 4, Hadeeth # 7015, P. 1518.*; or b) a Jew's or a Christian's death, at the time of the appearance of the Angel of Death when he will realize that Jesus was not God, or the son of God!

Why is it that Jesus will Rule by the Qur'aan And Not the Gospel?

The essence of Allaah's Religion revealed to all the Prophets and Messengers is one: it calls for the worship and submission to Allaah alone, avoiding all false deities. This is the meaning of *Islaam*. This message was in the original Gospel that was revealed to Jesus as well as in all the original Scriptures before and in the Last Revelation to mankind:

"And verily, We have sent among every *Ummah* (nation, community) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allaah (alone)," and avoid (or keep away from) *Taaghoot* (all false deities)." (Qur'aan 16: 36)

"The religion accepted by Allaah is *Islaam* (submission of one's will to Allaah and abiding by His Laws, and keeping all worship to Him alone)." (Qur'aan 3: 19)

Jesus confirmed the Torah before him, and preached the Gospel calling the Children of Israel to submit, as in the Torah, to Allaah alone. He did not call for anything that contradicts the Gospel, like Trinity or attributing sons to God, etc. All of these false concepts were exposed in the Last Revelation, the Qur'aan, where Allaah stated that He took the Covenant from all the Prophets, including Jesus, that:

"And (remember) when Allaah took the Covenant of the Prophets, saying: 'Take whatever I gave you from the Book and *Al-Hikmah* (understanding of the Laws of Allaah, etc.) and afterwards there will come to you a Messenger (Muhammad, peace be upon him) confirming what is with you; you must believe in him and help

him'. Allaah said: "Do you agree (to it) and will you take up My Covenant (which I concluded with you)?' They said: 'We agree'. He said: 'Then bear witness; and I am with you among the witnesses (for this)'. "
(Qur'aan 3: 81)

The Covenant is a testimony to the unified message of all of the Messengers of Allaah. Naturally, Jesus is a follower of Allaah and of His Messages. He abided by the Covenant in which he was told of the coming of Muhammad (peace be upon him). He brought this news to the attention of the Children of Israel, hence fulfilling the Covenant, and called his followers to believe and follow the Last Message to mankind, the Qur'aan, when it reaches them:

"And (remember) when Jesus, son of Mary, said: 'O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of Allaah unto you confirming the Torah (which came) before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me whose name shall be Ahmed²¹. But when he (Ahmed i.e. Muhammad, peace be upon him) came to them with

21. The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said: *"I have five names: I am Muhammad and Ahmed: I am Al-Maahi through whom Allaah will eliminate Al-Kufr (infidelity); I am Al-Hashir who will be the first to be resurrected, the people being resurrected thereafter; and I am also Al-'Aaqib (i.e. there will be no Prophet after him)."* - Reported in *Saheeh al-Bukhaari*, V. 4, Hadeeth # 732. Ahmed literally means: "One who praises Allaah more than others." Also it means, the "the praised one." Prophet Muhammad is foretold in Deut 18: 18, and in the Gospel of St. John (14/16, 25, 26, 27), as the "Prophet to come", and the "future Comforter," respectively. Christians understand that the "Comforter" is the Holy Spirit. However, the Holy Spirit is Gabriel, who was supporting and guiding Jesus throughout his mission. The "Comforter" is a translation from the Greek for the word "Paracletos," which is a corrupt reading for "Periclytos," almost a translation of the meaning of "Muhammad" or "Ahmed."

clear proofs, they said: This is plain magic." (Qur'aan 61: 6).

Therefore, Jesus will not rule by other than the Laws of Allaah, since the last Message of Allaah is the Qur'aan, and by being a follower of Allaah's Revelation, Jesus will not call people to ascribe partners to Allaah. He did not call upon the Jews or Christians to take himself or the monks and rabbis as gods besides Allaah:

"They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allaah, (and they, the Christians, took as their lord) Messiah, son of Mary, while they (Jews and Christians) were commanded (in the Torah and the Gospel) to worship none but One Ilaah (God-Allaah), none has the right to be worshipped but He²². Praise and glory be to Him, (far above is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)." (Qur'aan 9: 31)

That is why the people of the Book are called to dissociate themselves from all forms of worship to other than Allaah:

"Say (O Muhammad, peace be upon him): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none

22. While Allaah's Messenger, peace be upon him, was reciting this verse, 'Adee bin Haatim (one of the Prophet's companions) said: *"O Allaah's Messenger! They (Jews and Christians) do not worship them (i.e. the rabbis and monks)." Allaah's Messenger, praise and blessings of Allaah be upon him, said: "They certainly do. They (i.e. the rabbis and monks) made lawful things as unlawful, and unlawful things as lawful, and they (i.e. Jews and Christians) followed them (i.e. knowing that the lawful was unlawful and vice versa); and by doing so, they really worshipped them."*-Narrated by several authorities of Hadeeth including Imaam Ahmad, At-Tirmidhee, and Ibn Jareer.

but Allaah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allaah." (Qur'aan 3: 64)

What Is Next?

This message is an advice to Christians in particular, and its essence is also an address to the followers of beliefs other than Islaam. The Message is that: Prophets, Messengers, saints, righteous men, trees, rivers, the moon, the sun, planets, stars, desire, fire, light, Buddha, Popes, monks, Rabbis, Sheikhs, Krishnas, Temples, Crosses, heroes, men (yellow, black or white), philosophies, emotions, etc. **are creation in one form or another.** They are not self sufficient, and not divine. The righteous in the Sight of Allaah are the pious who follow, hope in, love, and fear Allaah and do not ascribe partners to Him in worship. The most noble of men are the Prophets and their followers who submit to the will of Allaah.

"Say: 'We believe in Allaah and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and to *Al-Asbaat* (the twelve sons of Jacob), and that which has been given to Moses and Jesus (in their original and un-altered forms), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their *Rabb*. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islaam)."
(Qur'aan 2: 136)

The last of those Prophets is Muhammad, peace be upon them all. Mankind are called to obey Allaah and His Prophet:

For the Hereafter, there are glad tidings to the obedient ones. Allaah says:

"And whosoever obeys Allaah and His Messenger (Muhammad-peace be upon him) will be admitted to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise), to abide therein, and that will be the great success." (Qur'aan 4: 13)

And for those who disobey and transgress, the Messenger brings them the saying of Allaah:

"And whoever disobeys Allaah and His Messenger, and transgresses His limits, He will cast him into the Fire, to abide therein, and he shall have a disgraceful torment." (Qur'aan 4: 14)

The glad tidings and warnings brought by the Messengers are key factors that influence the human soul. Naturally, the soul aspires for what is good and likes to drive away evil. The Messengers enlighten the human soul by informing it about the great good (i.e. Paradise) that can be achieved as a result of having the right belief and doing righteous deeds. The person will then be eager to acquire such good. On the other hand, when the soul is informed about the great harm (i.e. Hell Fire) that may be inflicted upon it if it rejects Allaah and His Message, it may refrain from committing what may be hurtful to itself. The glad tidings about the Great Bounties of Allaah is something that brings sweetness to the heart and satisfaction to the soul, as well as pleasure to our innermost senses. Listen to what Allaah, the Exalted, says about the Paradise:

“(They will be) on thrones woven with gold and precious stones. Reclining thereon, face to face. Immortal boys will go around them (serving), With cups, and jugs, and a glass of flowing wine, Wherefrom they will get neither any aching of the head nor any intoxication. And with fruit that they may choose. And

with the flesh of fowls that they desire. And (there will be) *Hoor* (fair females) with wide lovely eyes [as wives for *Al-Muttaqûn* (the pious)]. Like the preserved pearls. A reward for what they used to do. No *Laghw* (dirty, false, evil vain talk) will they hear therein, nor any sinful speech (like backbiting). But only the saying of: *Salaam! Salaam!* (Greeting with peace)²³! And those on the Right Hand – how (fortunate) will be those on the Right Hand? (They will be) among thornless lote trees, And among *Talh* (banana trees) with fruits piled one above another, And in shade long-extended, And by water flowing constantly, And fruit in plenty, Whose supply is not cut off (by change of season) nor are they out of reach. And on couches or thrones, raised high. Verily, We have created them (maidens) of special creation. And made them virgins. Loving (their husbands only), (and) of equal age.” (Qur'aan 56: 15-37)

23. Abu Hurayrah, may Allaah be pleased with him, narrated that Allaah's Messenger said, "*The first group (of people) who will enter Paradise will be (glittering) like the moon on a full-moon night. They will not spit, or blow their noses or relieve nature. Their utensils therein will be of gold, and their combs of gold and silver; in their censers (a vessel in which incense is burned) the aloes wood will be used, and their sweat will smell like musk. Everyone of them will have two wives; the marrow of the bones of the wives' legs will be seen through the flesh, out of excessive beauty. They (the people of Paradise) will neither have difference, nor enmity (hostility) amongst themselves: their hearts will be as if one heart, and they will be glorifying Allaah in the morning and in the afternoon.*" (Saheeh al-Bukhaari, V.4, Hadeeth # 468)

And Contemplate About Those in the House of Misery: Hell

"And, those of the Left Hand, who will be the *companions of the Left Hand*? In fierce hot wind and boiling water, And Shadow of black Smoke. (That Shadow) neither cool nor (even) good. Verily, before that, they were indulged in luxury." (Qur'aan 56: 41-45)

They preferred the worship of others than Allaah over their True *Rabb* and Creator. They set up rivals with Allaah. This is the result of their ungratefulness, underestimation, and ill-opinion of Allaah:

"Then moreover, verily, you the erring, the deniers (of the Resurrection)! You verily will eat of the trees of *Zaqqoom* (a tree in Hell having a loathsome smell and very bitter fruit!) Then you will fill your bellies therewith, And drink boiling water on top of it, So you will drink (that) like thirsty camels! That will be their entertainment on the Day of Recompense!" (Qur'aan 56: 51-56)

A Final Note

I ask you to be fair, and do not let today's hate directed against Islaam and the wrongdoings by some Muslims stand between you and knowing about Islaam.²⁴

The real issue is the salvation of man. Each will be held responsible for his deeds. The Religion of Allaah is comprehensive; it deals justly with both, the non-believers and the wrong-doers.

Allaah is the All-Just and All-Wise. All mankind is called to submit to Him Alone. He does not intend confusion for His creation: He does not tell different nations in any place and at any time to worship creation in any form or shape. He wants mankind to free itself from worshipping other than Him. This is the meaning of Islaam and it represents the natural inclination on which man is created. On the Day of Judgment, people will be judged according to their acceptance or rejection of Allaah's Command which came in the Last Revelation, the Qur'aan.

24. There is a great deal of oppression and injustice done to Muslims in many part of the World. Little is said about the terror done to them. However, when any wrong committed by an individual Muslim or a group of Muslims, all the news center on "Islaamic Terrorism"! Even before investigations are completed, the news media bring their "think-tanks" and start their "speculations" about the "looks of the people" and whether they have "Middle Eastern Features"! Many acts of terror were done and still being committed by Christian, Jewish, or Buddhist individuals and/or groups or states. We do not hear the cry about "Jewish Terrorism," "Christian Terrorism," or "Buddhist Terrorism,"...Only when it comes to Islaam and Muslims, we see the labeling headlines read "Islaamic this and that"! Remember the IRA? Did you ever hear of "Roman Catholic Terrorism"? Islaam does not condone any act of terrorism. The religion of Allaah does not condone injustice from anyone, Muslim or non-Muslim.

You may be able to find a copy of the translated meaning of the Qur'aan in your language at a Book Store, Public Library, University Library, the Internet, etc. In case you could not find one, please write to "King Fahd Noble Qur'aan Printing Complex. P.O. Box 3561, Al-Madeenah Al-Munawarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia." ²⁵

Finally, in case you wonder why some statements attributed to the Bible were cited while knowing that alterations and modifications took place therein, then this is explained as follows:

1. The Islaamic position regarding the Bible is that it contains truth and falsehood. The Criteria to find out the truth is to check the Revelation after it, i.e. the Qur'aan where this is clearly stated. So whatever agrees with the Qur'aan, then it is true, otherwise it is not.
2. Due to this mixing of truth and falsehood, Allaah abrogated the Bible and the Torah as well, making the Qur'aan the final Testimony until the Day of Resurrection.
3. Hence, the Quotations made either are in agreement with the Qur'aan or the Qur'aan stands in correction of them.

And to Allaah we shall all return to account....

Saaleh As-Saaleh

25. Publisher's Note: You can also procure the English Translation of the Meanings of the Qur'aan as well as other books and videos on Islaam and Comparative religion from *Centre for Islamic Studies*, # 1/5, Masjid-E-Munawwara Complex, North Road, Cooke town, Bangalore-560084. Ph # 91-80-25466926

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APPENDIX

JESUS AND MUHAMMAD

(Peace be upon them)

IN THE BIBLE*

**Biblical Evidence of Jesus being a Servant of
God and having no share in Divinity**

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INTRODUCTION

All praise be to the One to Whom all Dignity, Honour and Glory are due; the Unique with perfect attributes, Who begets not, nor is He begotten. He has no equal but He is the Almighty, Omnipotent. He sent His Messengers and Prophets to guide humanity towards monotheism; to worship Him Alone, the only One Worthy of worship, and to warn them of the eternal dire consequences of polytheism; associating partners with One Allaah and the worship of creatures.

Peace and Blessings of Allaah be upon all the Prophets and Messengers, especially on Muhammad, the last of the Prophets, and on all who follow him in righteousness until the Day of Recompense.

Christianity: Men Without Religion; Islaam: Religion Without Men

A Muslim never lacks proofs about the purity and truthfulness of his religion, but what he lacks are those truthful brothers who stand for Allaah and His Prophet (peace be upon him) testifying to the truth. Indeed, in this age, Islaam is a religion without men (custodians and propagators) whereas Christianity is men without a religion; yet, by their endeavor, adventurous spirit, patience and monetary contributions they are able to falsify truth and make falsehood appear true. In this materialistic age most of humanity have become slaves to wealth, fashions, and mansions.

There is none worthy of worship but Allaah and in Him (Alone) do I put my trust, and towards Him am I destined.

Jesus and the Devil in the Bible

In the New Testament of the Bible, in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth and seventh verses clearly indicate that Jesus is an obedient mortal and God is the Master and Lord according to his saying in the seventh verse:

"It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God."

In this chapter we read that the Devil actually carried the Messiah, and took him from place to place.

How can the Devil carry God? Glory be to Allaah; He is above such blasphemy!

Then the Devil orders him to prostrate before him and worship him, even tempting him with worldly possessions. How can the Devil even dare such an audacity with God? When the Devil wanted Jesus to comply with his orders, he (Jesus) replied by saying that it was written (in the previous Books):

"Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God; And Him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

Children of God

Jesus never called himself Son of God as far as I know but he used to call himself the 'Son of Man' (ref. Mark 2:10) although he heard himself being called by that name he did not object as assumed in the Bible and did not consider the title exclusively for him.

According to the Biblical term in the Old and New Testaments, every God- fearing righteous person is called 'Son of God'. In Matthew 5:9 we read:

"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God."

In Matthew 5:45 –

"That ye may be children of your Father which is in heaven..."

God the Father

In Matthew 5:48 –

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

In Matthew 6:1 –

"... otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."

In Matthew 7:21 –

"Not every one that sayeth unto me (Jesus), Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven."

N.B. The word 'Lord' here was translated as *Rabb* in the Arabic version of the Bible so that people may be convinced that Jesus is God! But if one studies the rest of the verse, one will note that the verse bears testimony to the subservience (to God's Will) of the Messiah (Jesus). Therefore the correct translation should be:

"Not every one that sayeth to me, O my Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

It is obvious from the above readings from the Bible that

the term 'Father' is used for God in numerous places in the Bible. It is never used exclusively for the Messiah (Jesus).

In Matthew 11:25 –

"At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and has revealed them unto babes.'"

Jesus the Worshipper

In Matthew 14:23 –

"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray....."

I say: If he (Jesus) is God or a part of God then why did he pray? In fact, prayer is always from a submitting, needy and dependent one for the Mercy of Almighty Allaah as mentioned in the Qur'aan. (V. 35:15):-

"O mankind! it is you who stand in need of Allaah but Allaah is Rich (Free of all wants and needs), Worthy of all praise" (35:15).

And in (V. 19:93) of Qur'aan:-

"There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Beneficent (Allaah) as a slave."

A Biblical Story

In Matthew 15:22-28 –

"And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts and cried unto him, saying, 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David: my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying; 'Send her away, for she crieth after us.' But he answered and said, 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' But he answered and said, **'It is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it to dogs.'** And she said, 'Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.'

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **'O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.'**

In this story about a woman from Canaan there are noteworthy points:

- (1) Lack of mercy and love charged against Jesus (if the incident is reported correctly).
- (2) Degraded discrimination in regard to the uplifting of his tribe and not for the others.

(3) Tribal pride of decadence and prejudice against others and calling them dogs.

(4) An ignorant polytheist woman debated with him and won him over.

Jesus: A Prophet of Allaah

In Matthew 19:16-17 –

"And behold, one came and said unto him, 'Good master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?' And he said unto him, 'Why callest thou me good? (There is) none good but one, (i.e.) God, but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.' "

In the above verses we note this acknowledgment of his submissiveness (to Allaah's Will).

In Matthew 21:45-46 –

"And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parable, they perceived that he spoke of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude because they took him for a Prophet."

Here it is proved that all those who believed in Jesus during his life-time did not believe in him being God or the Son of God or one in the doctrine of Trinity; but they believed in him as being a Prophet only. This is indeed one of the strongest points of evidence against those who believe in the Divinity of Jesus (Incarnation of God) if only they pondered.

Jesus: A Servant of Allaah

In Matthew 23:8 –

'But be not ye called *Rabbi*: for one is your master, even Jesus, and all ye are brethren.'

Here it is clearly proved that Jesus was servant of Allaah, and that there is only One Master and He is Allaah. In the Arabic version of the Bible this verse has been translated so that Jesus is meant to be the master whereas the English rendering is nearer the original sense.

In Matthew 23:9 –

"And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father which is in heaven."

From this you will note that fatherhood and Sonship is meant to be the relationship between the Lord and His servants: it is meant in a general sense and not specifically for Jesus.

In Matthew 24:36 –

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

This is a definite proof that the Final Hour is unknown to any but Allaah, thus Jesus' knowledge is imperfect like

all other men; Allaah Alone is All-Knowing, Omniscient.

In Matthew 26:39 –

"And he (Jesus) went a little farther, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.' "

We note here that the person speaking is unaware of Allaah's Will and realizes the fact that he is a servant of Allaah. He (Allaah) Alone can cause the change.

The Compilation of the Bible

In Matthew 27:7-8 –

"And they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called the Field of Blood, unto this day."

From these verses we understand that the Bible (the New Testament) was not written during Jesus' life-time but long after the occurrence of the events described, having been retained in the memory of the people.

In Matthew 27:46 –

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, '*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*' (My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?)"

This is according to their (Christians') assumption that Jesus cried in a loud voice saying the above words while he was being crucified. This is a great insult as such words could only come from unbelievers in Allaah. Further, it is incredible that such words should come out from a Prophet of Allaah because Allaah never breaks His Promise and His Prophets never complained against His Promise.

Jesus: Preacher of Monotheism (Tawheed)

In John 17:3 –

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."

In Mark 12:28-30 –

"And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' And Jesus answered him: 'The first of all the commandments is; hear O Israel, the Lord thy God is One Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.'"

In Mark 12:32 –

"And the scribe said unto him, 'Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is One God; and there is none other but He.' "

In Mark 12:34 –

"...he (Jesus) said unto him, 'Thou art not far from the kingdom of God...' "

In these verses, Jesus (peace be upon him) himself had testified that Allaah is the One God, there is none other

than Him, and that whoever believes in His Oneness, he is near the Kingdom of Allaah. Therefore whoever associates partners with Allaah or believes in the Trinity is far away from the Kingdom of Allaah, and whoever is far away from the Kingdom of Allaah he is the enemy of Allaah.

In Matthew 24:36 –

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of the heaven, but my Father only."

I say: A similar text was quoted from Matthew which is exactly as proclaimed by the Qur'aan in that none knows when the Hour will come except Allaah. This establishes the fact that Jesus was subservient to Allaah and that he had no share in Divinity: that he was an incarnation of God, was an innovation by the people of Canaan.

In John 20:16 –

"Jesus said unto her, 'Mary'. She turned herself, and sayeth unto him, 'Rabboni', which is to say, Master, Jesus saith unto her, 'Touch me not: For I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God and your God.' Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she has seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things unto her."

In the above narrative Jesus clearly testified that Allaah is his God and their God, making no difference between

him and them in the worship of the One Allaah. Whoever believes that Jesus is God has indeed blasphemed against Allaah and betrayed the Messiah (Jesus) and all the Prophets and Messengers of Allaah.

Biblical prophecies on the advent of Muhammad (peace be upon him)

In John 4:15-16

“If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and He shall give you *another Comforter* that he may abide for you forever.”

Muslim theologians have said that “*another Comforter*” is Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah; and him to “abide forever” means the perpetuity of his laws and way of life and the Book (Qur’an), which was revealed, to him.

In John 15:26-27

“But when the *Comforter* is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”

In John 16:5-8

“But now I go my way to Him that sent me and none of you asketh me ‘whither goest thou?’ But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled you heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; for if I go not away, the *Comforter* will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and approve righteousness and judgment.”

In John 16:12-14

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. How be it when he, the *Spirit of truth*, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and he shall show it unto you.”

In John 16:16

“A little while and ye shall not see me: and again a little while, ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.”

Muslim theologians have stated that the person who is described by Jesus to come after him – in the above verses – does not comply with any other person but Muhammad (peace be upon him) the Messenger of Allaah. This ‘person’ whom Jesus prophesied will come after him is called in the Bible ‘*Paracletos*’. This word was deleted by later interpreters and translators and changed at times to ‘Spirit of Truth’, and at other times, to ‘Comforter’ and sometimes to ‘Holy Spirit’. The original word is Greek and its meaning is ‘*one whom people praise exceedingly.*’ The sense of word is applicable to the word ‘Muhammad’ (in Arabic).

Finality of the Proofs on the Fabrication of the Story of the Cross

1) The Bible testifies to the fact that Jesus was known among the Jews; he used to preach and deliver sermons in the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. It was therefore, unnecessary to hire a Jew for thirty pieces of silver to direct them to him as related in Mathew.

2) It is related that one of the twelve discipels named Judas Iscariot was hired to direct the Jews to Jesus. They then sentenced him after which Judas was greatly ashamed and dissociated himself from their act and then committed suicide. All this took place within twenty-four hours. The contradictions are obvious.

3) The clearest proof, which alone is sufficient to discredit this story, is when the Jews passed the sentence of death against Jesus and intended to get the approval of the governor, Pontius Pilate.

“And Jesus stood before the governor: The governor asked him, saying, ‘Art thou the king of the Jews!’ And Jesus said unto him, ‘Thou sayest (sayest)’: And when he was accused of (by) the chief priests and elders. He answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, ‘Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?’ And he answered him never (to) a word.” Mathew 27:11-14

The Christians will interpret the above verse to mean that Jesus wanted to die on the cross for the redemption of mankind and for the forgiveness of their sins: if so, then

why did he ask to turn away that cup from him (i.e. death)? Why did he cry out while on the Cross (as they assume): **“O Lord, why hast thou forsaken me?”** How could he have remained silent when the truth was being challenged? He was known for his soul-inspiring sermons challenging the learned Jewish Rabbis. No sane person can believe in this. If the story of the Cross-is disproved then the very foundation on which Christianity is based, will be demolished.

Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified by the Jews as revealed in the Qur’aan by Allaah in a crystal clear manner:

“And because of their saying (in boast): ‘We killed messiah Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allaah’; -but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of Jesus was put over another man (and they killed that man), and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely, they killed him not (i.e., Jesus, son of Mary). But Allaah raised him (Jesus) up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he Jesus peace be upon him is in the heavens).. And Allaah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.” (Qur’aan 4:157-158)

The Jews themselves, together with the entire Christian world, believe that he was crucified. As proofs against their views and to prove the truth of the Muslim verdict through the Bible, I prepared the following set of questions based on the Book of Mathew in the New Testament of Bible. (Chapter 26 and 27):

1) Did those who captured Jesus (according to their assumption) know him in person? Or did they not know him?

Mathew testifies that they did not know him.

2) Was it during the day or night that he was captured?

Mathew says – it was during the night.

3) Who was the one directed them to him?

Mathew says: He was one of his twelve disciples called Judas Iscariot.

4) Did he direct them free of charge or for a fixed reward, which they specified, for him?

Mathew says: He directed them to him for a fixed reward of thirty pieces of silver.

5) What was the condition of Jesus during that night?

Mathew says: He was fearful and prostrated in prayer saying: **“O God, if it is possible for You to let his cup pass from me, then let it pass.”** It is incredible that such words could come from a believer in God, let alone a Prophet of God, because all believers believe that God has power over all things.

6) What was the condition of his eleven disciples?

Mathew says: Sleep overcame them that night together with their teacher (according to their assumption) out of fear.

7) Was Jesus contented with their condition?

Mathew says (verse 40-46): He was not satisfied. He used to come to them to wake them up saying: **“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”** Then he would come again to find them asleep and he would again wake them up and say the same thing. This weakness could not have been spoken of righteous pupils even if they were pupils of an ordinary pious teacher, let alone the disciples of Jesus, son of Mary.

8) Did they help him when those ruffians captured him?

Mathew says: **“They forsook him and fled.”**

9) Did Jesus have confidence in his disciples that night?

Mathew says: Jesus informed them that they would all forsake him. Then Jesus said unto them: **“Verily I say unto thee that this night before the cock crows, thou shall deny me – thrice.”** Peter said unto him, **“Although I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.”** Likewise also said all the disciples. And so it happened.

10) How did those ruffians capture him?

Mathew says: They came to him with swords and staves after they were directed to him by a Jew, then they captured him as described in verse 57:

“And they that had laid hold on Jesus, led him away to Caliphas the high priest, where the elders were assembled.”

There they passed the sentence of death on him. The ruffians then took him away, spat on his face and struck him with their hands after which they stripped him of his clothes and clad him in scarlet robes, then placed a crown of thorns on his head and took him about, teasing and mocking him. They said to him: **‘You are the king of Israel according to your claim.’** They severely degraded him.

11) Who finally decided to pass the death sentence against him?

Mathew says: He was Pontius Pilate, a Greek Roman, who was at that time the governor of Palestine.

12) When the ruffians brought that man before the governor and informed him that the priest of the Jews passed the sentence of death by crucifixion according to their law (Torah), did he believe in them without investigation?

Mathew says: He did not believe them but asked that man: **“Is it true what they have said?”** He remained silent. The question was repeated and he continued to remain silent. He remained silent in view of the truth; it was essential for him even if he was not a Prophet to clarify the truth and deny the false accusation of the Jews. The governor’s wife went to the governor and she said to him: **“Have thou nothing to do with that just man? For I have suffered many things this day in dream because of him.”**

The Bible states that Jesus delivered lengthy speeches to the Jews rebuking and warning them, which amounted to defaming them. Then why was he silent that day? The

governor's intentions for asking him were to stand for the truth.

13) How was he crucified according to their assumption?

Mathew says: They crucified him between two thieves both of whom abused him by saying to him, "If you are truthful save yourself."

14) This was a great calamity. What did he say while on the cross (according to their assumption)?

Mathew says (27:46)

Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* (That is to say) my God, my God, why have Thou forsaken me?"

This is a blatant declaration of disbelief according to all theological authorities. Whoever relates it to a Prophet is a disbeliever according to the revealed religions.

Almighty Allaah, in the Qur'aan warns, the Jews and the Christians against their blasphemy; that Jesus is an incarnation of God (Allaah) or the son of God (Allaah) or in rejecting him totally; and that they must believe in him as a Messenger of Allaah only:

"And there is none of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) but must believe in him (Jesus, son of Mary, as only a Messenger of Allaah and a human being) before his (Jesus peace be upon him or a Jew's or a Christian's) death (at the time of the appearance of the angel of death). And on the Day of Resurrection, he (Jesus) will be a witness against them." (Qur'aan 4:159)